

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Families and Children's Services was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Clack, Dean, Accavitti, Hammon, Sheen, Stahl, Hoogendyk, Palmer.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Wojno.

Representative Dean moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2008 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4923 before the committee.

HB 4923 Meisner Human services; food assistance; food assistance benefits; require distribution twice a month.

Representative Andy Meisner, sponsor of HB 4923, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Ron Hicks of the Michigan Department of Human Services testified and indicated a neutral position on the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Erin Clark of Spartan Stores.

Linda Gobler of the Michigan Grocers Association.

Jane Shallal of the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers.

The following individuals submitted cards indicating a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to testify:

David Newman of the Michigan Department of Information Technology.

Jackie Doig of the Michigan Center For Civil Justice.

Kim Harkness of the Food Bank Council of Michigan.

Representative Hammon moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4923. **The motion prevailed 8-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Clack, Dean, Accavitti, Hammon, Sheen, Stahl, Hoogendyk, Palmer.

Nays: None

Pass: None.

Representative Stahl moved to report HB 4923 with recommendation as substitute (H-1). **The motion prevailed 7-1-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Clack, Dean, Accavitti, Hammon, Sheen, Stahl, Hoogendyk.

Nays. Rep. Palmer.

Pass: None.

Representative Hoogendyk moved to excuse the absence of Representative Wojno. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Representative Brenda Clack, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk

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